## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the paragraph beginning with "The invention..." and before the paragraph beginning with "Depending on...", please insert:

B. --Background of the Invention--

Page 2, please cancel the paragraph beginning on line 32 and ending on line 35.

Page 2, before the paragraph beginning "Accordingly, the bandage...", please insert:

--Summary of the Invention--

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Please cancel the previous version(s) of the following paragraphs and replace them with the following rewritten versions. Marked-up copies showing the amendments since the previous versions are annexed as separate pages:

Page 5, paragraph beginning at line 8 (amended):

The straps can be fixed, for example, using VELCRO® hook and loop closures or press studs.

Page 5, paragraph beginning at line 20 (amended):

The upper arm part and the forearm part can in this case be connected to one

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another by means of a VELCRO® hook and loop closure, press studs or seams. An adjustable connection is provided in particular to meet the individual lengths of the extremities and thereby to improve the shape fit efficiently.

Page 7, paragraph beginning on line 38 and ending on page 8, line 6 (amended):

The bandage 100 shown in Figure 3 is made up essentially of the upper arm part 1 and the forearm part 2, which are connected to one another in a substantially flexible manner via an appropriately shaped connection strap 3. The connection strap 3 is secured on the upper arm part 1 by means of VELCRO® hook and loop closures, and the connection to the forearm part 1 is effected by a press stud 52. The securing by VELCRO® hook and loop closures 31 ensures that the bandage can be adapted to the individual circumstances of the patient's arm.

## Page 8, paragraph beginning at line 8 (amended):

The upper arm part 1 is fixed ventrally to the forearm in the area of the wrist by a support strap 4 which runs from the shoulder to the neck area. The support strap 4 is fixed by means of a VELCRO® hook and loop closure 41.

Page 8, paragraph beginning at line 11 (amended):

The forearm part 2 is fixed with a holding strap 5 which, starting from the hand region, runs dorsally in the lumbar area to the distal upper arm. The holding strap 5 is secured by a VELCRO® hook and loop closure 51.